

I've worked in IT for decades, and what started off as something that only technologically adept people, or government, or university users used, has become such an integral part of the fabric of our society, that it now is required service to do basic functions.

Examples: 1. Job hunting. Online resume/application process. Notification of outcome requiring email address. 2. DNA results from Ancestry REQUIRE an account (free) on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) in order to get the results. They don't send them to you in the mail. 3. Shopping for items that are not carried by local stores. This can be exceedingly hard for people living in rural communities, if not impossible. Internet shopping is the only way to find reasonable prices for difficult to find items. 4. Health care information. Your healthcare depends on you having information on the providers available on your insurance company's list of approved providers. 5. Tech Support. Whether for your ISP, or your new printer, most information is online, and it's difficult to get it via phone or other method.

This is just what I can think up off the top of my head before breakfast.

The list of things you need to have internet access for has been growing as fast as Moore's Law has been affecting technology. And the cost to participate by having Internet devices (computers, tablets, phones) continues to skyrocket. It's already a pay-to-play system. But reversing the rules for OPEN INTERNET, will send us back to where we were before it was instituted by the former FCC.

Pretending that there wasn't throttling of service, blocking of political groups by one of the near monopoly companies whose politics were different, and all manner of other shenanigans used previous to this rule was implemented, is just disingenuous at best, and dangerous to many minority groups at the very least.

Small companies will not be able to invent, thrive, and grow their businesses. Musicians will have a harder time competing against the largest corporations, as well as small production companies, and small business in general. Without having a level infrastructure/utility (Internet) where all have the same access, we are going to see the largest companies continue to consolidate, and dominate, every aspect of our lives. It's already there everywhere else. And this will only continue to eliminate the ability for small companies to compete.

I urge you to listen to the myriad voices against this change. And to look at the diverse groups of large and small that are united in opposition. And do the right thing.

